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Substance of the Minutes of the Board, from the meeting of the General Convention to the present time.

At the quarterly meeting of the Board, on the first Monday in June 1817, pursuant to the recommendation of the Convention on the subject of education, a committee was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Drs. Staughton and Allison, and the Rev. Mr. Jones, seriously to consider the plan which had been offered to that body by their President, the Rev. Dr. Furman, and to report upon the subject.

The following is the result of the deliberations of said committee.

The committee appointed to consider the plan of education submitted to the Convention by the venerable President, the Rev. Dr. Furman, beg leave to report;

That, owing to the importance of the subject, and the necessity of waiting the openings of Providence, and the indications of the liberality of their brethren in various parts of the union, they have not been able to return their ideas so fully, or so soon, as they could have wished.

They approve, in the main, highly, of the plan the President proposed, and are of opinion that it will ultimately, in substance, probably in a few years, be found in successful operation. They, however, beg leave to state, that until it can be accomplished, and for its accomplishment very ample funds must be obtained, something may be done that will prepare the way for more comprehensive measures. As far as their information extends, and they believe their information correct, many worthy and wealthy friends of Zion are waiting for an opportunity to contribute of their substance for the tuition of pious young men. Were a system commenced, they think several thousands of dollars might easily be collected. At least they feel it a duty respectfully to recommend a trial. If at first the resources were small, they would hope that, like a rill from the foot of a mountain, they would gradually and greatly increase.

The comittee believe that no adequate reason can be assigned for farther delay. The public are entitled to expect some vigorous attempt on the part of the Board. For this they are anxiously looking. The Convention has left this business to their sacred charge. Numerous youth are waiting to avail themselves of the privileges of a literary and theological Institution and the widening sphere of missionary effort already undertaken, renders an accession of godly and educated youth highly desirable. The liberal

spirit of the times the committee regards as very favourable to immediate exertion, and they cannot but hope that the blessing of the Lord will accompany an attempt designed, so immediately, for the grory of his holy name.

Wm. Staughton,
Burgiss Allison,
Horatio G. Jones.

At the quarterly meeting of the Board the first Monday in September last as it appeared that the American Baptist Magazine & Missionary Intelligencer, recommended to general patronage by the Convention, and designed by the Board, as in part proprietor, to be extensively circulated through the west and south-west, could not be thus circulated without expense instead of profit to the funds, therefore,

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to write to the Editors of the Magazine on the subject, and that brother Rice also be instructed to proceed to the eastward as soon as practicable to see the members of the Board, particularly in New-York and Boston, about this matter; to acquaint them in detail with our views, and learn theirs, relative to the issuing of a periodical publication under the auspices of the Board, designed to circulate missionary intelligence.

Resolved, That a Circular by the Corresponding Secretary be sent to the Mission Societies, Associations, &c. exhibiting thee general views and operations of the Board, and particularly what they have done in relation to the western Indians, and the measures they have yet in contemplation.

A letter was received from the Rev. Isaac M'Coy in reply to a communication to him, stating his willingness to accept a missionary appointment on the Wabash; whereupon,

Resolved, That he be appointed to that service, and allowed $500 a year, to enable him to forward his operations, if possible, among the aborigines in that quarter; and that the Corresponding Secretary be requested to write to him accordingly.

A communication was received from the Baptist Education Society in this place, expressing their willingness to co-operate with the Board in the busines of education: which was referred to the committee on this subject appointed at a former meeting.

At a meeting of the Board the 6th of October, a communication from the Editors of the American Baptist Magazine, on the subject of a periodical publication by this body being read, and the subject being fully discussed,

Resolved, unanimously, That this Board enter as soon as convenient upon the publication of such a work.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to carry the above resolution into effect; & that brethren Staughton, Allison, Jones, and Rice be that committee.

At a meeting of the Board October 13th, a letter was received from the Editors of the Magazine, explicitly announcing their acquiescence in the publication of a periodical work by the Board.

A letter from the Reverend Humphrey Posey relative to missionary labours among the Cherokee Indians was read, whereupon,

Resolved, That he be employed in that service, and allowed $500 a year to enable him to carry forward his operations with vigour and effect.

At a meeting of the Board Dec. 18th, letters from our missionaries at Rangoon, brethren JUDSON and HOUGH, dated in March and June 1817, communicating most important and interesting intelligence respecting the state of the mission in Burmah, were read.

Also was read, a letter from the Rev. Dr. Carey at Serampore, with which the Board was highly pleased.

A letter from the Rev. Wm. Ward, Serampore, acknowledging the receipt of $1000 for the translation of the scriptures, and $1000 for the use of the missionaries at Rangoon, was read.

Resolved, unanimously, That in future our transmissions of money to our missionary brethren in the east, shall be one year in anticipation of their demands.

A letter from brother Judson being read, conveying very important information relative to the translation of the bible into the Burman language, and the operations of the press in that empire,

Resolved, unanimously, That the Corresponding Secretary communicate to him with how lively an interest the Board enter into his feelings, and appreciate his labours; & that brethren Staughton and Jones be a committee to devise and bring into effect measures for promoting the translation of the scriptures into the language of Burmah, and to facilitate and enlarge the operations of the press in that country.

Brother Judson having stated the inconvenience resulting from the remote and secluded situation of the mission-house, which prevents the instruction of the natives which might be given in familiar intercourse, and having expressed his wish that they might be enabled to build a house in or near Rangoon:

Resolved, unanimously, That $1500 be appropriated for that purpose.

A letter was received from Thomas L. M'Kenny Esq. Superintendent of Indian Trade, declaring his readiness to cooperate in the measures adopted by the Board relative to the instruction of the Indians, whereupon,

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of the Board be presented to Thomas L. M'Kenney Esq. for his kind and zealous attention to the concerns referred to him by the Board.

At a meeting of the Board

the 4th of February, 1818, a communication was received from the Agent relative to the subscription papers, and the means of extensively circulating the Latter Day Luminary: referred to a committee for consideration, viz. brethren Staughton, Peckworth, and Curwen.

The committee, after mature deliberation, reported that they recommend the subscription paper submitted by our Agent, and that he be authorized to employ assistant agents in certain cases to arrange the business for obtaining subscribers and circulating the Luminary in particular sections of the country.

Resolved, unanimously, That this report be accepted.

Resolved, That the attention of the Board be directed to the obtaining of a suitable person, to commence a school among the Chickasaw tribe of Indians.

Annual Meeting of the Board, April 29, 1818.

At this meeting were present:—THOMAS SHIELDS Esq. 1st Vice President, Wm. STAUGHTON D. D. Corresponding Secretary, Reverend HORATIO G. JONES, Recording Secretary; Rev. JAMES M'LAUGHIN, Rev. JOHN P. PECKWORTH, and Mr. JOHN BRADLEY of Philadelphia; Rev. THOMAS ROBERTS, and Mr. GEORGE F. CURWEN near Philadelphia; Rev. JOHN HEALY of Baltimore; Reverend SPENCER H. CONE of Alexandria; and Rev. ELISHA CUSHMAN of Hartford, Connecticut.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Healey.

The Rev. Mr. JUDSON of Plymouth, Mass. father of the Rev. ADONIRAM JUDSON, missionary at Rangoon; the Rev. Mr. CHASE from Vermont; the Rev. Mr. BRIGGS, from Hudson N. Y. and the Agent of the Board, Mr. RICE, being present, were invited to sit with the Board.

The proceedings of the Board from the time of the late triennial Convention were read.

A general letter from the Agent of the Board was communicated by the Corresponding Secretary.

Burman Mission.

An account of the expenditures attending the outfit and passages of brethren Wheelock and Colman for Burmah, transmitted by the Rev. Dr. Baldwin, chairman of the eastern Committee to whom this business had been referred, was laid before the Board, & gave great satisfaction.

An appropriation of $1500 voted at a former meeting for the purpose of enabling the missionaries to procure or build a house, greatly needed for their accommodation and usefulness, in Rangoon, or quite near it, was considered; and the Board, under a persuasion of the importance of the object, expressed a willingness to enlarge the sum should that appropriation be found insufficient.

Resolved, That all the monies now in the hands of the Treasurer specially designated *for the translation* of the scrip-

tures, and the additional sum of $1000 be transmitted to India for the use of our missionaries in the translation & printing department of the mission.

Resolved, That the Publishing Committee be instructed to prepare and publish an address on the subject of the translation of the scriptures into the language of Burmah, and the operations of the press in that empire.

A letter from the Rev. Jonathan Price, soliciting the patronage of the Board as a missionary to Burmah, with the view of going to that country in the character of a physician, was communicated by the Corresponding Secretary.

Resolved, That he be requested to present himself for examination at the next meeting of the Board, and that, if approved, he be accepted, and instructed to enter, as our missionary, upon the study of medicine.

Western Missions.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. Ranaldson, communicating very important information from Louisiana, and soliciting additional missionary aid, transmitting at the same time five hundred dollars from the Mississippi Mission Society, was read; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary convey thro' Mr. Ranaldson, to the aforesaid Mission Society, our grateful acknowledgement for their liberal aid, and that the Board will find pleasure in sending more misionaries into that quarter as soon as practicable; and that the Secretary also make known to Mr. Ranaldson the high opinion we entertain of his useful and active services in Louisiana.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. Posey, missionary among the Cherokees, was read, giving an interesting description of the country and the natives where he labours. He has set up four schools for the instruction of the Indian children, at an expense of forty dollars per quarter for each assistant teacher.

Resolved, That it is expedient to support these schools.

The mission to St. Louis was taken into consideration. Letters from brethren Peck and Welch at that station of a very interesting nature, and very satisfactory, together with a transcript from their journal, were laid before the Board. In reply to these communications,

Resolved, That the Board regard with the warmest approbation their solemn articles of agreement in a missionary family or society; that we possess a lively satisfaction that they have, by the mercy of the Lord, succeeded in forming a church in that place, and are taking measures for the erection of a place for public worship; and that, in relation to Indian schools, the Board earnestly press upon them to prosecute the measure to the utmost.——They conceive, however, that such schools will be best supported in the vicinity of the tribes, as this will be most like-

ly to excite a desire after education generally, and to satisfy such desire. In special cases some might with advantage be instructed in the higher branches of learning, to qualify them to teach others.

Resolved, That, conformably with the importunate pleadings of the missionaries at St. Louis, for more labourers in that field, the Board will send others into that quarter as soon as practicable.

A communication from the Rev. Mr. M'Coy was referred to the next meeting of the Board, in the expectation that further information from him will then have come to hand.

Brethren Cone and Cushman were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Agent.

This committee reported that, upon careful examination, they found that the Agent had received 5443 dollars & 57 cents; that the expenditures connected with the business allotted him, amounted to 1963 dollars and 67 cents. All appeared correct, and displayed great minuteness and accuracy.

Resolved, That, conformably to a request of the Treasurer, John Cauldwell Esq. of New-York, whose indisposition did not permit him to meet with the Board, a committee be appointed to audit his accounts in that city; and that the Rev. Messrs. Cone, Williams, and Maclay be that committee.

Institution to promote Education.

Pursuant to the recommendation on the part of the Convention, of the plan submitted to that body by the President, and the report of the committee to whom that important subject had been referred,

Resolved, unanimously, That it is expedient to enter actively into the prosecution of vigorous measures to improve the education of pious young men, possessed of gifts and graces suited, in the judgment of the churches, to the christian ministry.

Resolved, unanimously, That, in addition to the co-operation proffered by the Baptist Education Society in Philadelphia, a union with which, it is believed, may prove a germ whence many important advantages may grow, the education societies existing in different parts of our country be affectionately invited also to co-operate in the present effort to accomplish the important object in view.

Resolved, unanimously, That the Agent be instructed to encourage the formation of other education societies, auxiliary if they think proper to the Institution connected with the Board, and that he make such collections, and obtain such donations, as he may be able, for the advancement of this interesting concern.

Resolved, unanimously, That a committee of five be appointed to make arrangements with the Education Society relative to the Institution contemplated, and to carry the intentions of the Board into full effect; and

that brethren Staughton, McLaughlin, Jones, Peckworth, and Curwen be that committee.

Resolved, unanimously, That the Rev. Dr. Staughton be appointed Principal in the Institution, and the Rev. Ira Chase, a young brother of piety, talents and learning, Professor of Languages and Biblical Literature.

Resolved, unanimously, That, inasmuch as the enlarging of the missionary operations, the editing of the Luminary, and the concerns of the Institution for improving the education of pious young men called to the ministry, make great and increasing demands on the time of the Corrresponding Secretary, the Agent be authorized and instructed to press his solicitations for augmenting the special fund provided for in the constitution for this department, and at discretion request public contributions for this object; and that wealthy and liberal individuals, and the public at large, be invited to aid this important design.

Resolved, That the Rev. H. G. Jones prepare an address, and that the Publishing Committee issue without delay the annual Report.

From the London Missionary Chronicle.

Converted Mongolians.

The Rev. Isaac J. Schmidt, of the Church of the United Brethren, and Treasurer of the Bible Society at Petersburg, has transmitted to the Elder's Conference of the Unity, a very remarkable account of the manner in which the study of the Gospel of St. Matthew was, under the Divine blessing, made the means of convertion to two Saisangs (nobles or princes) of the Mongolians.

Extracts from his account:—Having finished the printing the first edition of the Gospel according to St. Matthew in the Calmuc language, copies of it were sent to Siberia, to the civil governor of Irkutsk, Nicolai I. Treskin, a counsellor of state to his Imperial Majesty; which he most judiciously directed to be distributed among the Selenginskish Mongols and the Chorinian Burats.

As the above mentioned governor, on distributing the translated Gospel, had required an opinion of the Princes of these people respecting it, they took all possible pains to understand its contents; which proved a very difficult task.

The commission to decypher the Gospel was now given to two Saisangs of the Chorinian Burats; who so diligently applied themselves to the work, that they were soon enabled generally to explain its contents to their superiors.

The two Saisangs soon set out from the Chinese frontier for St. Petersburg; and arrived here in the beginning of December, 1817. The care of them was committed to me.

Having regulated their affairs in their new situation, they commenced their labours with un-

bounded zeal. Before they began their translation, they formed extracts of parts of different chapters, the meaning and spirit of which they could understand. These they brought to me, and begged for an interpretation, which I gave them in the best possible manner I was able to do.

Here appeared the work of the spirit of God, by the power of the gospel. They listened with silent attention: their countenances became serious: They visited me twice or thrice a week. The work of the Spirit of God in the hearts of these men having originated altogether with Himself, I left the whole entirely to Him, without intermeddling in the least.

I noticed, with delight, their growth in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ; contenting myself with explaining such passages of scripture as they could not understand, and giving my advice only when it was asked for.—Another time, they spoke as follows:—"We have been zealous followers of the doctrines of Shakdshamuni, and have studied the books containing them attentively; but the more we studied, the more obscure they appeared to us, and our hearts remained empty.—But, in perusing the doctrines of Jesus, we observed the reverse: for the more we meditate on his words, the more intelligible they become; and, at length, it appears as if Jesus himself were talking with us." Many speeches of this kind, all bearing testimony to that life among the dead, of which our Saviour speaks, John v. 25, occurred during my conversation with these men. It would be taking up too much time to enumerate them all.

I had frequently remarked, that there seemed to be something upon their minds, which they were on the point of disclosing; but that they always suddenly checked themselves, and entered upon other subjects. A short time ago, they brought me their translation of the 21st, 22d, and 23d chapters of St. Matthew. After we had completed the revision of these chapters, they were, contrary to custom, quite silent; for in general, they had various questions to propose, and required many explanations. At length I broke silence, by saying: 'Well my friends, what have you to say to me to-day?' Upon this, the elder of the two, after an evident conflict with himself expressed himself thus: "We have lived in ignorance, and have been led by blind guides. We have followed the precepts of Shakdshamuni (the Fo of the Chinese) without finding rest. By God's mercy we have been chosen to translate the Gospel of his Son into our language; and, for this end, have been brought into connexion with you. You have illustrated the things unintelligible to our darkened minds, in a direct and satisfactory manner. We acknowledge Christ Jesus to be our God and Saviour, and are

determined to know none other; we have, therefore, made a resolution to leave our former superstition, and to adopt the christian faith.—What advice would you give us?" The young Saisang confirmed all the elder had said, as expressing his own sentiments.

This address was quite unexpected to me. I answered, that I certainly approved their determination, considering it as wrought in them by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, and as demonstrating the power of that gospel: but I asked them, if they had duly reflected on what was required of a disciple of Jesus; that Christ does not promise his followers earthly happiness and honors, but rather reproach among men; and that he calls those blessed, who, for his sake, willingly and gladly submit to unmerited reproach. I reminded them, further, that this step would cause great sensation among their friends, and perhaps give much offence: I begged them, therefore, to examine themselves, as in the presence of Jesus, whether they are free from every thing that might prevent their becoming his entire property; for that He, who, in order to redeem fallen man, in mercy, offered himself as a sacrifice once forever, and who thereby purchased us unto himself, by his bitter sufferings, blood-shedding, and death, could not accept a heart half devoted to him, and half to sin and the world. The worst of all would be, if, after having become members of Christ's family by baptism, they should again choose to return to the old way; either on account of prosecution and affliction or out of levity or indifference.

"They replied, that they had well considered these things; and that the words of Jesus himself, on this subject, had caused them no small anxiety and struggle. They mentioned, particularly, the parable of the sower, and the kinds of ground upon which the seed fell; also the words of Jesus, Matt. x. 37, 38; likewise our Saviour's address to the youth, who would first go and bury his father—"Let the dead bury their dead:" further, what he says of himself—"The foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests, &c." But they declared, that it was their firm determination to be followers of Jesus, and to share in his reproach, if that were their lot; though they, at the same time, did not deny their wish, that such trials might not befal them too soon, on account of their weakness in the faith.

After this, I had two or three conversations with them, in which we spoke on several of the principal points of the Christian faith. These conversations gave them great pleasure: but they inquired, why I had not told them all this sooner. I answered: "You are, as yet, but babes in Christ; and, with such, the pure milk of the gospel agrees best: as you grow in grace, you will be able to

bear strong meat, and will also receive it. But always recollect our Saviour's significant words—"Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven."

I conclude my report with a fervant wish, that this nation, and especially these two awakened Saisangs, may be an object of the serious deliberations of the Elder's Conference of the Unity, as well as the prayers of all my brethren and sisters, to whom the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom is precious. The harvest in the immense regions of the Russian Empire is truly great, but few, very few, are the labourers.—Surely the fervor, which fills my soul while I am writing this, will likewise inspire those who read the report.

I. J. SCHMIDT.

St. Petersburg March 7, 1818.

General Assocition of Connecticut.

At a meeting of the General Association of Connecticut, at Middletown, on the third Tuesday of June, 1818.

The committee appointed to take minutes of the narratives, and prepare a concise account of the state of religion, made a report which was accepted as follows:

Although the efforts made for the suppression of the awful vice of intemperance have not succeeded so fully as could be desired;—although the Sabbath is much neglected in some places, and in a few perceptibly more than heretofore;—and although it has pleased the great Head of the Church not to bless this portion of Zion with refreshing showers, so copious & extensive as in past years;—and although we find, in the moral and religious state of the community, grounds for sore lamentation and deep abasement before a holy sovereign God;—yet there are considerations of a vast moment, which should animate Christ's ministering servants to the most unabating exertions, and all Christians to the most fervent and increasing prayers, and activity in the cause of Him whose interests they have espoused; and call forth the most heartfelt gratitude to the Father of mercies. In some places the Sabbath is observed with greater solemnity than heretofore. The increasing attention paid to the religious instruction of children, particularly the establishment of Sabbath Schools, a plan extending so widely and with so much efficacy, has a direct influence upon the best interests of men: a plan which we most cordially approve, and for a divine blessing upon which all good men will unceasingly pray.

With no ordinary emotions do we observe that decided support, which the various charitable institutions of the present day receive from the liberality of the Christian public, and the deep interest they feel in their extension and usefulnes. Nor do we permit ourselves to doubt,

hat these streams will continue o augment and flow with greater celerity, as the state of the world may demand. In the heathen school established within our limits, we behold a foundation laid, on which we humbly trust it will please the great Head of the Church, by the instrumentality of human means, to errect a noble edifice; we behold a light dawning which we trust will brighten and spread, until many pagan lands and especially the islands of the sea, shall be cheered with his radiance, and the glorious and universal reign of Messiah the Prince shall commence.

Among the several subjects of consideration, the success of the Domestic Missionary Society claims our grattitude.—Its usefulness is becoming daily more and more evident; and it is hoped that the great object of building up our waste places will excite an increasing degree of interest on the public mind.

Nor do we consider it a small matter of congratulation, and thanksgiving to God, that the Asylum established at Hartford, for the instruction of the deaf and dumb, has been so far prospered. While all the feelings of humanity are strongly enlisted on its side, and prompt, with almost irresistable energy, to its support, the christian beholds in its operations a door opened for its unfortunate subjects to assume a station, with their fellow immortals, in the intellectual and moral kingdom of God, and be prepared to share in that infinite blessedness purchased by the savior's blood. May the dews of heaven distil more abundantly upon this humane institution! May it share largely in the prevailing prayers of the Angel of the covenant! and though the dear pupils cannot speak the language of men, may they be taught by the Spirit of Grace, that they may speak forever the language of angels and of the spirits of just men made perfect?

But above all, do we find matter of praise to the God of grace, in the revivals of religion with which, although less numerous and powerful than in some preceeding years, it hath pleased him to bless several of our churches. In some places, the shower appears to have abated; in others, the rain of divine influence continues copiously to descend. In Middletown, Upper-Houses, Wethersfield, Rocky-Hill, Bethany in the town of Woodbridge, Salem a parish in Waterbury, East-Hampton in Chatham and Haddam, God has wrought gloriously or is still working.—In these tokens of our Saviour's presance his friends find abundant causc af gratitude, courage, hope and prayer; nor should they be forgetful of the additional obligation which every soul brought home to Christ, and secured in his fold, lays upon them with united hearts to ascribe to him all the glory.

We would also observe, that in the undiminished prosperity and usefulness of Yale College,

an institution founded on wisdom, watered with the prayers of our pious progenitors, and which the Son of God has made a fountain of refreshing streams to his Church for more than a century, we feel that there is special cause to exalt his name.

From the accounts rendered of the state of religion, within the bounds of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, it appears that the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, are evidently advancing. Several of the Presbyteries, under their jurisdiction, have been very powerfully visited the year past, with the influences of the Holy Spirit, and many have been added unto the Lord. Churches, under their superintendance, are multiplying as the settlements extend into that wide region on their border; their Theological Seminary is sending forth a succession of young men as heralds of the cross; and the general aspect of Zion is highly favorable. And it is pleasing to learn, that the General Assembly has recommended and strongly urged upon the members of their communion, to pay particular attention to the religious instruction of their slaves, that they may be prepared in God's own time for their emancipation.

From our brethren in Massachusetts Proper we learn, with heartfelt joy, that revivals of religion in several counties, especially that of Berkshire, have taken place; and not only happy fruits of former ones remain but goodly numbers have been gathered unto Christ;—that the Theological Institution at Andover is in a flourishing condition, and promises to extend its utility, already great, over an extensive field.

From the General Association of New-Hampshire we are informed, that the prospects in many parts of the state, are gloomy;—that some churches are low, and some professors luke warm. At the same time it is evident that a gracious God hath them in remembrance.—Revivals of religion, powerful and resulting in the hopeful conversion of very considerable numbers, have claimed the gratitude, & encouraged the hearts, of both ministers and private Christians, in various sections of our country. And it has been particularly noted by them, that in those revivals, God has been pleased to call in from the world the greatest proportion of converts, from among those who, in their infancy, received the seal of babtism.

The Church of our ascended Lord, in the state of Vermont, continues to flourish. The number of settled ministers is enlarging, and the several churches increased with the increase of God, are assuming additional stability, beauty and glory. Peculiarly favored of her Head, Zion here looks forth, fair as the moon and clear as the sun. In two Associations, consisting of twenty-six congregations, more than twelve hundred have brought, hopefully to accept the crucified Saviour. And we are

happy to add, that twelve or fourteen of the pupils in the College in Middlebury have been, as there is reason to hope, been made the subjects of renewing grace.

On the whole, your Committee rejoice, in common with the members of this body, and all who wish for Zion's welfare, that the Christian character is rising—Christian charities are extensively multiplying,—and the spirit of missions extending in all directions: that young men of talents and piety are consecrating themselves to God, in the kingdom of his Son, with particular reference to the Pagan world, and that the signs of the times loudly call on the Christian world to redouble their prayers and their liberality. Behold the dawn of the glorious day—that day which prophets predicted, & for which saints have prayed-that day in which the light of the moon is to be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun seven fold; —in which the triumphs of the cross are to be signally exhibited from the rising of the sun until the going down of the same: in which the gospel, in its triumphant career. is to march the circle of the globe, and *Alleluia for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth* resounded from every land. Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

ABEL FLINT, *Moderator.*

Extract of a letter from the Rev. Levi Parsons, a missionary in the employment of the Vt. Missionary Society, dated Troy, Vt. March 15, 1818.

The interesting situation of the people in this place has prevented my visit to Middlebury, as I expected, and probably will prevent for a considerable time to come. The revival commenced about the first of January last, and prevails, at the present time with surprising power. A church was organized in February, consisting of twelve members, all heads of families, who gave the most satisfactory evidence of renewing grace. The day was interesting and solemn, and will be remembered in heaven, with gratitude and thanksgiving. A considerable number who are now rejoicing in hope, received their first serious impressions during the administration of the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper. Eight persons now stand propounded for admission to the church, and many more are wishing to present themselves for examination.—The work is still prevailing, and hundreds are under serious impressions, and daily crying, What shall we do to be saved? The neighboring towns are becoming more attentive to the means of grace, and more solicitous for the regular preaching of the gospel. The present prospects afford us reason to hope, that the Lord hath much people in this place.

I wish, *if possible*, that a missionary might be directed to this field. It is more than twen-

ty miles in extent, and is already white for the harvest.—In this vicinity, embracing *Patten, Troy, Westfield* and *Kelleysvale*, there are two hundred families, and most of them perishing for the bread of life. Religeous meetings are frequent, and well attended. And those who have spent their days in ignorance and wickedness, are crying with solicitude, "God be merciful to me a Sinner."

Religious Summary.

The N. York Sunday School Union Society reports, that the whole number of its Schools is 34, conducted by 50 superintendants, and 359 Teachers; and that the whole number of scholars on the rolls is 3500, and of these, 2200 attend regularly.—One boy has committed 26 chapters in 24 weeks—another, 300 verses in one week. Many children, becoming deeply thoughtful, have conveyed the feeling to their parents. One church can number more than 20 teachers who have been added to its communion.

The mission of the United Brethren in Upper Canada, is prosperous. The Rev. Mr. Dencke, speaks of his Indian congregation in New Fairfield, —"all seem desirous to press into the kingdom of heaven." "We have, (say he) no more heathen residing within our settlement!" A bible society has been formed in that county, (Kent) Mr. Dencke has translated parts of the New Testament into the Delaware language, and the American Bible Society has in view to print them at its own expense, and present 400 copies to the mission.

At the late annual convention of the Episcopal Church of the state of Rhode-Island, among other important transactions it was resolved that the bishop (the Rt. Rev. bishop Griswold,) appoint a Missionary, the sphere of whose labours shall be confined to that State: that they will patronize and encourage the establishment of Sabbath Schools in the several churches, to be under the inspection of the Clergymen of the respective churches: and that the state of the same shall be reported at the annual convention. The church is flourishing, and vital godliness increasing.

The whole number of students connected with the theological Seminary at Princeton, during the winter session, was 55; now 51. Since the last annual report, 14 have been licensed to preach the gospel. The missionary spirit appears to increase among them. From soiceties for the support of necessitous students, the Board have received $3053 95. To the library, 121 books have been presented. A box of books had arrived for it at N. York, consisting chiefly of the works of the fathers, presented by the Rev. Dr. Benjamin M'Dowell, of Dublin, in Ireland. The Rev. Dr. Green, President, has presented to the Institution two acres of land, in the rear of the

edifice. John Whitehead, Esq. of Geo. has presented $3,275– & it is resolved to apply $2,500 of it to establish a Scholarship, to be called the *Whitehead Scholarship.*

The fourth annual Report of the Baptist Board of Missions for the U. States represents the state of religion in that denomination to be very encouraging in the New-England states, and particularly so in New-York, Virginia and Kentucky. The number baptised the preceding year, must have exceeded 12270. The churches are 2682, preachers, 1859, and members 190,000.

It appears from the report of the Methodist Missionaries on foreign stations, and that in the West-Indies alone they have 18,933 members of their communion.

The Wesleyan Methodists have in Ceylon, India, 19 schools, containing 1077 children.

Animating intelligence is received from Wilkesbarre and Kingston, Pa. Many appear to be anxiously enquiring, and many have made professions.

On June 3, the Rev. ELISHA WISE was ordained an evangelist by the Northern Associated Presbytery, convened at Franklin, Delaware county, New-York, Reverend Beriah Hotchkis, preached from 2 Tim. iii. 10, 11.

There has been an uncommon attention to religion in Chichester, N. H. within a year past. There is similar interesting intelligence from Ward, Massachusetts.

We learn that the Mariner's Church, in London, is actually a *vessel*, of about 400 tons, capable of accomodating from 7 to 800 hearers—*a floating Meeting House*—in which this hitherto neglected class of men can hear the gospel on their own element.

In imitation of the friends of sailors in London, the Wesleyans at Bristol are building a floating Chapel, which they have also named the *Ark.*

It is calculated that 36,000 *Chinese pamphlets and tracts* have been printed, and circulated, besides the Scriptures.

Five thousand nine hundred and seventy pupils are gratuitously instructed in the Philadelphia Sunday Schools, by 556 teachers.

The Treasurer of the American Bible Society acknowledges the receipt of $5028 58, for the month of June, 1818.

New Sabbath Schools are continually springing up in all parts of the Union, and in numerous instances those which have been some time established, are enlarging, and rapidly improving.

A Ladies' Auxiliary Bible Society has lately been formed in Liverpool, and 600 ladies are engaged in it.

From the journal of the American Missionaries at Ceylon, we select the following interesting account–Supayon, a young Malabar of about 19 years of age, the eldest son a favorite

of his worthy father, having read a few chapters in a Bible, had an earnest desire to become acquainted with Christianity.—He prevailed upon his father to take him to the school of the missionaries to study the English language. Having renounced the heathen religion, his father took him away and confined him; but he escaped and returned. The missionaries intended to have an interview with his father.

The Scriptures are continually translating into new languages of Europe and Asia.

From the Luminary.

LATTER DAY GLORY.

Hail, holy light! the bard divinely sung
As rays celestial o'er his vision hung.
Hail holy light!—let men and angels say,
The light that flushes on the latter day.

Of gloomy darkness long has been the reign,
And deep the galling of her heavy chain,
Since that tremendous, sad, & awful hour,
When first in Eden's heavenly planted bower,
The chief of hell assailed with blackest art,
And won the empire of the humam heart.
How have we wandered in a world of woe;
The Lord who made us for His praise our foe!
What thousands have, on hateful altars, bled,
To demons raised, where monsters vile have fed!
How has the earth been filled with dire alarm!
And man 'gainst brother bared the murderer's arm,
Till fell destruction, & her compeer death,
Were *almost satisfied*, & paused for breath!

Hail, then, the light! all hail the sacred ray!
Prelusive to that bright and blessed day,
Which favoured seers, by heaven inspired, of old
In strains of hallowed rapture have foretold;
When He the man of sorrows & of grief,
Who came to give the sons of men relief,
The Lamb of God who bowed his lowly head,
And guiltless for the guilty freely bled,
The Lord of life, who once in weakness died,
Then rose in power to God the Father's side,
And lives, no more to weep, to bleed no more,
But sway the sceptre prostrate thrones adore,
Shall come again, salvation from afar
Beaming resplendent on his winged car,
And riding forth illustrious in his might,
Shall put the legions of his foes to flight;
With shouts of joy his rightful empire gain,
And bind the opposer with a lasting chain!

Thy kingdom come, O Lord! thy servants cry;
Thy kingdom come, the angel hosts reply,
Desire of nations, come! the sceptre's thine,
And wide unfurled thy radiant banners shine,
We range beneath them; ours the glorious aim
To spread the honours of thy mighty name.
Crown, crown our weak endeavour with success,
And every kindred band of brothers bless,
And let our eyes with raptured gladness see,
All men on earth, adoring bow to thee,
And light, and glory, & the beams of love,
Reflect the image of thy realms above!

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